

## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 25

2 INTRODUCED BY J. O'NEIL

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE SHORTFALL IN GENERAL FUND REVENUE BY  
5 REQUIRING SANCTIONS FOR RECIPIENTS OF CASH ASSISTANCE WHO ARE CONVICTED OF A  
6 CRIMINAL OFFENSE INVOLVING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR A DANGEROUS DRUG; AND PROVIDING AN  
7 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Cash assistance sanctions.** If an individual receiving cash assistance  
12 is convicted of a criminal offense involving alcohol, tobacco, or a dangerous drug, as defined in 50-32-101, the  
13 individual must be sanctioned in accordance with rules established by the department. Except as required by  
14 federal law, a sanction may not include any restriction or termination of food stamps or medicaid coverage.

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16 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
17 integral part of Title 53, chapter 4, part 6, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 4, part 6, apply to [section 1].

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19 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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